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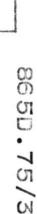
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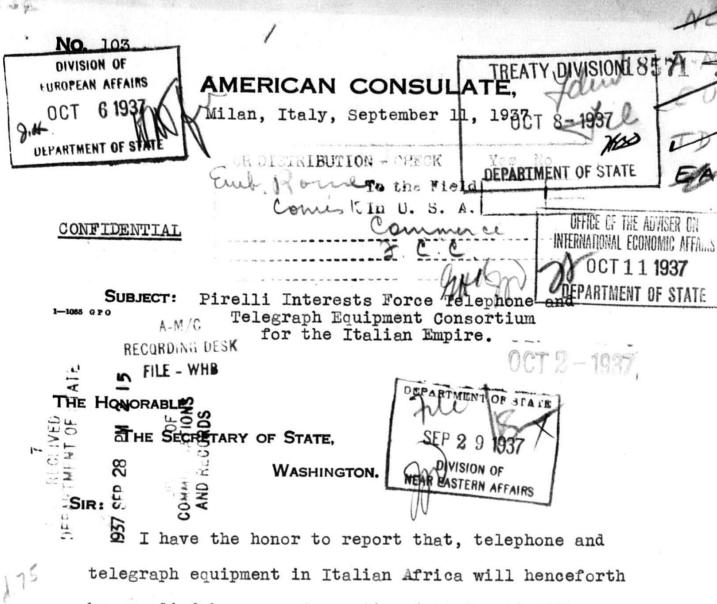
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FROM Italy TO	(Kirk) DATED	July 22, 1936.	

REGARDING: Communication between Addis Ababa and the principal cities of Ethiopia. Government General has established a commission to study and give its opinion on all proposals for the installation, alteration, or completion of telegraphic and telephonic systems in Ethiopia.





telegraph equipment in Italian Africa will henceforth be supplied by a new Consortium just formed with a million lire capital and known as the F.A.T.A.O.I.

(Forniture Impianti Telefonici in Africa Orientale Italiana). Some five companies organized under Italian laws are involved, representing Italian, American, Swedish, German and American capital investments. The names of the companies and the territory assigned to

Autelco Mediterranea S.A.T.A.P. (affiliated with the American Group Associated Telephone and Telegraph) will operate in Erytrea;

each, subject, however, to some revision, follow:

Fabbrica Apparecchiature per Comunicazioni Elettriche F.A.C.E., a Limited Company in Milan. Pirelli with International Telephone and Telegraph Company minority interest, will cover Addis Abeba;

Fabbrica Apparecchi Telefonici e Materiale Elettrico F.A.T.M.E., a Limited Company in Rome. Erickon, Swedish interests, will operate in Asmara and Harrar; Officine Lombarde Apparecchi di Precisione -0.1.A.P., a Limited Company in Milan. Siemens -Halske, German interests have been given the Somaliland area;

Societa' Italiana Reti Telefoniche Interurbane -S.I.R.T.I. -a Limited Company in Milan. Pirelli interests, which will have the long line (distance) concessions throughout the Italian African Empire.

Offices of the management will be at Milan. There will also be a consortial office in Addis Abeba and sub-offices at the capitals of the various provinces.

The purpose of the Consortium as officially announced is to obtain the maximum technical cooperation of the entire industry so as to prepare a well coordinated plan for the telephone and telegraphic communications of the new Italian Empire which would embody the latest technical developments and give to the Colonial Government the best guarantee from the point of view of service and maintenance of the installations.

On the other hand, it is privately admitted that the Consortium, as organized, was forced by Pirelli interests and represents a monopoly more to the advantage of the companies (some of which were reluctant to enter the arrangement) than to the public interest.

A copy of this dispatch has been sent to Embassy, Rome, for its information.

Respectfully yours

None received

Walter M. Sholes American Consul General

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